

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A conveyor belt for use in a produce transport system, the belt comprising:

a support belt; and

a plurality of cushioned produce holders arranged on the support belt, wherein the cushioned produce holders are suitable for holding produce products in place and in a desired orientation on the belt during operation, and wherein the cushioned produce holders are configured to limit bruising and damage to the produce products placed on the produce holders.

2. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 1 wherein the support band includes a plurality of openings formed therein.

3. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 1 wherein the cushioned produce holders comprise cushioned paddles arranged so that produce products placed between the cushioned paddles are held in place as the belt is in use.

4. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 3 wherein each the cushioned paddles comprise a layer of material arranged in a bowed configuration to provide padding to a produce products placed between the cushioned paddle.

5. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 3 wherein the cushioned paddles are arranged so that romaine produce products placed between the cushioned paddles are held in place in a desired orientation as the belt is in use.

6. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 5 wherein the cushioned paddles are arranged so that the romaine produce products placed between the cushioned paddles are held so that cut ends of the romaine produce products are oriented toward sides of the belt.

7. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 1 wherein the cushioned produce holders include cushioned holding pads arranged on the belt so that produce products placed in the cushioned holding pads are held in place as the belt is in use.

8. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 7 wherein the cushioned holding pads are arranged so that lettuce produce products placed on the cushioned holding pads are held in place in a desired orientation as the belt is in use.

9. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 7 wherein the cushioned holding pads comprise cushioned annular holding pads having an annular shape configured so that produce products placed in an open central portion of the annular holding pads are held in place in a desired orientation as the belt is in use.

10. (Original) The conveyor belt of Claim 9 wherein the cushioned annular holding pads are suitable for holding an iceberg lettuce product placed in the open central portion of the cushioned pad so that a cut end of the iceberg lettuce product is facing upward from the surface of the belt.

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